Park Avenue Synagogue

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From the Rabbi's Desk

We often read in our newspapers of the problems of terrorism endured by the Russian authorities in Grozny and Chechnya. It may come as a surprise to many to learn that the area contains many ancient Jewish communities.

In the early 1960s, Nikita Khrushchev closed the Grozny Synagogue as part of his anti-religious campaign. The rather exotic congregation of Mountain Jews found alterative premises, although Muslim Fundamentalists made trouble for them later. The community, which dates back some 1,600 years, is now leaving Chechnya for Israel because of the fighting and also to fulfill a dream that has kept them firmly attached to their faith. According to an article in the London *Jewish Chronicle* recently, these Mountain Jews live in the Caucasus area, which includes parts of Dagestan and Azerbaijan as well as Chechnya.

During Tsarist times, they were sometimes protected and sometimes prosecuted. When the Germans invaded the Soviet Union, their leaders convinced the occupying army that they were not racially Jews and some were spared. However, in other locations they were executed. Dagestan and Grozny survived, as the Germans did not reach that far.

I remember hearing Professor Herbert Paper lecture many years ago in Chicago on the "Tat" language written in Hebrew characters, which is the Iranian dialect spoken by these Jews, and it is fascinating to realize that this is yet another language peculiar to Jews.

The events of the past years have proven to be a new impetus for these of our co-religionists to settle in Israel. In 1948 they openly danced in the streets to celebrate Israel's establishment in their national costume and a Magen David carved into the handles of their daggers.

Although I have not visited this particular region, I was quite nearby many years ago in what is now Abkhazia (formerly part of Georgia). The Jews there were also an exotic group. More about them another time.

— David H. Lincoln
Senior Rabbi

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES
NOVEMBER 2005

Friday, November 4
Rinah U'Tefilah Friday Evening Service ..... 6:15 pm
Followed by The Spark Within Us Congregational *Shabbat* Dinner*
Rabbi Elana Zaiman, Guest Speaker

Saturday, November 5
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am
Rabbi Elana Zaiman, Guest Speaker
Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Temel,
son of Judy & Charles Temel
Havurah Service ..... 9:30 am
Minha ..... 4:45 pm
Pajama *Havdallah* Service ..... 5:30 pm

Friday, November 11
Tot *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service ..... 5:15 pm
Friday Evening Service ..... 6:15 pm
Children's Birthday Service

Saturday, November 12
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am
Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie Mazursky,
daughter of Vanessa Kooby & Ronald Mazursky
Minha ..... 4:30 pm

Friday, November 18
Friday Evening Service ..... 6:15 pm

Saturday, November 19
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 am
Shabbat Morning Plus! Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am
Seminary Student *Shabbat*
Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Ascheim,
son of Dr. Deborah & Thomas Ascheim
Havurah Service ..... 9:30 pm
Tot *Shabbat* Service ..... 11:15 pm
Minha ..... 4:30 pm

Friday, November 25
Friday Evening Service ..... 6:15 pm

Saturday, November 26
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 am
Sanctuary Service Welcoming College Students ..... 9:15 am
Lord Michael Levy, Guest Speaker
Bat Mitzvah of Joanna Roberts,
daughter of Andrea & Calvin Roberts
Minha ..... 4:30 pm

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

*Reservations required

From the Chairman

In late September, the Board of Trustees met for the first time for the new year. It is a great pleasure to welcome new Board members: Susan Edelstein, Richard Green, Suzette Rubinstein and Jonathan Sobel; and new Advisory Council members: Jena Berlinski, Michael Fruchtman, Nancy Hirschtritt, Ivan Lustig and Wendy Slavin. They join a tremendously devoted and conscientious Board of Trustees and Advisory Council. For this first meeting of the year, I invited Steve Breuer of Breuer Associates in Los Angeles, California. Steve served as the Executive Director of Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles from 1980 through 2004. He has received numerous awards from the National Association of Temple Administrators and from the city of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles. I wanted him to challenge us to think about what it means to be in the leadership of the Synagogue, what our responsibility to Park Avenue is, how effective we are as a board, and how we can collectively do a better job. It was a wonderful session.

On behalf of the officers, the Board and the Advisory Council, thank you for trusting us with your Synagogue.

Five questions that he asked us to think about I pose to all of you:

1. If our congregation did not continue to _____ I would lose interest in remaining a member.

2. The things that concern me most about our congregation are _____ _____.

3. If our congregation would_____ _____, I know I'd call my friends and tell them what wonderful things they were missing.

4. If, with the stroke of a pen, I could change one thing about our congregation, I would _____.

5. The two or three most significant changes I would like to see in our congregation are_____.

I encourage you all to contemplate these important questions and to share your views with me or any officer or board member. This meeting reminded us all again of the awesome responsibility it is to be elected to our positions. On behalf of the officers, the Board and the Advisory Council, thank you for trusting us with your Synagogue.

— Amy A.B. Bressman
Chairman

Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings

Rinah U'Tefilah: A Joyous Friday Night Service

Put a song in your heart and a prayer on your lips on **Friday, November 4 at 6:15 pm** when the *Rinah U'Tefeliah* song and prayer service will provide you with a spiritual bridge from the hectic pace of the week to the serenity of *Shabbat.*

Rabbi Elana Zaiman To Speak on Transmitting the Spark Within Us

Park Avenue Synagogue is honored to welcome former P.A.S. Rabbi Elana Zaiman, who will speak to us about the importance of transmitting our values to future generations and then help us do that in a workshop on writing an ethical will. You will have the opportunity to hear Rabbi Zaiman speak at our "Spark Within Us" Congregational *Shabbat* Dinner on Friday evening, **November 4** after services and at **November 5** *Shabbat* Morning Services. And, with Rabbi Zaiman's guidance, you will learn to identify, crystallize and articulate your core Jewish values and write an ethical will to leave to your children, grandchildren, friends and family at a hands-on workshop on either Thursday, November 3, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm; Friday, November 4, 9:00 am - 11:00 am; or Sunday, November 6 10:00 am – Noon (choose one). Reservations are required for the dinner and the workshop. For reservations and information, contact Sarah Gribetz, (212) 369-2600, ext. 140, or *sgribetz@pasyn.org.*

Don't Miss the Book Fair

Come to shop for *Hanukkah* and other gifts and to replenish your home library when the Congregational School Parents Association presents The

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Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings *Continued*

Annual P.A.S. Book Fair. Join us on The Lower Level on **Monday, November 14 at 7:00 pm** for the gala kick off and New Members reception, and on November 15, 16 and 17, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm for a fantastic selection of books for children and adults. There will be a special section with recommendations of books from our clergy and staff that every Jewish home should have in its library, and a section of "New and Noteworthy" titles. There will also be Judaica from The Jewish Museum, stationery, jewelry and other great gift items from some previous vendors and some amazing new ones.

Evening Book Discussion Group

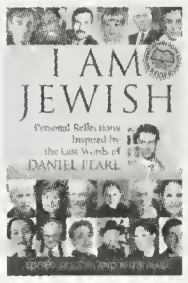
Join us on **Monday, November 14 at 8:00 pm** to discuss *Heir to the Glimmering World* by Cynthia Ozick. The discussion will be led by Pat Davidson.

Sing Along at *Shabbat* Morning Plus!

Experience a unique and expanded Spirit of Song as music bursts forth from every corner of our Sanctuary on **Saturday, November 19 at 9:15 am.** With the "guided support" of the Congregational Singers, families of all ages and religious experience can participate as a "congregation of singers" and grow in involvement, knowledge, and appreciation for *Shabbat* morning worship!

Don't Miss the 2nd Annual Great Synagogue Read-In

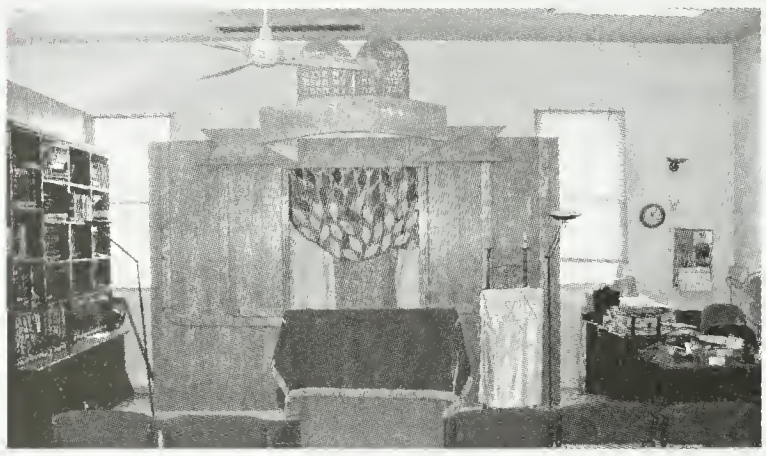
In his book, "I Am Jewish," Judea Pearl compiles writings of a diverse group of Jews, each describing the Jewish "spark" within him or her, what is unique about his or her Jewish experience and how Judaism gives meaning to one's life. To learn more about Judea Pearl's book, buy and read "I Am



Jewish," watch your emails and P.A.S. correspondence for programs related to "I Am Jewish," and be on hand on December 8 at "The Spark Within Us" celebration at Battery Park City when Judea Pearl will address the congregation.

Lord Levy To Speak

Lord Michael Levy, a senior member of Prime Minister Tony Blair's inner circle and his personal envoy to the Middle East, will speak at *Shabbat* Services, **Saturday, November 26, 9:15 am.** ✡



P.A.S. Donates *Parochet* to Israeli Synagogue

This parochet, designed and created by Park Avenue Synagogue, hanging in Kehillat Sinai Masorti Synagogue in Tel Aviv, was presented by Amy Bressman on behalf of Park Avenue Synagogue during the Congregational Trip to Israel in December 2004.

Mitzvah Day—Celebrate the Spark Within You by Helping Others

Endowed in loving memory of Vicki K. Wimpfheimer

Join with family and friends on **Sunday November 20, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**, to celebrate Park Avenue Synagogue's 2005 *Mitzvah* Day. We are especially pleased that the children of Vicki K. Wimpfheimer, a founder of Mitzvah Day and chair for many years, have permanently endowed this wonderful program in her memory. Let's come together as a community to perform good deeds for people in need and to honor a wonderful woman. There will be something for everyone: **The Early Childhood Center** will bake cookies for Blood Drive donors, do arts and crafts for others, and learn the joy of doing *mitzvot*. The **Congregational School** will make stuffed animals for sick children, organize a food drive, make sandwiches, collect coins to be rolled, and make centerpieces for luncheon at Project Ore. The **High School** will make visits to Project Ore and the Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged, and collect dresses for the Cinderella II Project. **Adults** (on their own or with their families) can participate in insightful discussions with our Rabbis, take a behind-the- scenes tour of the Synagogue, lend a hand with the clothing drive, purchase goods at the Flea Market, donate and wrap new toys, visit the Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged, collect and roll coins, donate blood to help save lives, and join the bone marrow registry.

We are also asking you to **clean your closets**. We will be collecting items for donations to charitable organizations, as well as selling some selected items at the Parents Association Flea Market. Donations must be in very good condition or new. NO books will be collected this year, but we will collect clothing, sports equipment, small appliances, bric-a-brac, cellular phones, and eyeglasses. Drop off these donations and spare change at the Synagogue on **Wednesday, November 16**, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, **Thursday, November 17**, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, **Friday, November 18**, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Watch your mail and please check *www.pasyn.org* for more details. To volunteer, please contact Marlene Muskin at (212) 427-8778 or *idts52@aol.com*.

Arms' Programs & Events

Men's Club New Member Reception

All men who are new members of the Synagogue receive the benefits of belonging to The Men's Club at no cost for the first year. Don't miss the opportunity to meet and welcome our new members on **Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 pm**, and enjoy some good food together.

WEG: Study and Socialize on *Rosh Hodesh*

Moonbeams, a monthly *Rosh Hodesh* study/social experience invites women of all ages in the congregation to participate in an adventure of learning and friendship on **Wednesday, November 2 and Thursday, December 1, 7:30 – 9:00 pm**, when we will continue to study the 613 *mitzvot* at the home of one of our members, facilitated by Sarah Gribetz. For more information, consult the Synagogue Web Site or call Joann Rosoff, (212) 348-4531, or Joan Schefler, (212) 734-0444. Future topics and dates will be announced.

WEG: Tour the J.T.S. Exhibit "The New Age Ballabusta"

On **Monday, November 7**, the Women's Evening Group is sponsoring a guided tour of the exhibit "Beauty, Brains and Brawn: The New Age Ballabusta" at The Jewish Theological Seminary, led by Lisa Kogen, Education Director, Women's League for Conservative Judaism. A bus to J.T.S. will leave P.A.S. at 6:45 pm. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Please R.S.V.P. to Beth Grey Tannenbaum (212) 734 7343.

Men's Club: Real Estate Forecast

Get the latest news and trends on the New York City real estate market and future development on **Tuesday, November 8 at 7:30 pm** when Men's Club Co-President Dennis Karr, Managing Director of Newmark, will speak about commercial real estate and Pamela Liebman, president of the Corcoran Group, will speak about residential real estate. Don't miss this timely program!

Sisterhood: Meet Author Anna Cypra Oliver

On **Tuesday, November 15 at 1:00 pm,** the Sisterhood and the Daytime Book Discussion Group will co-sponsor an appearance by Anna Cypra Oliver, author of *Assembling My Father: A Daughter's Detective Story,* to which all are invited.

This book is a powerful memoir of growing up in a hippie community in Taos, New Mexico and trying to make sense of the complicated lives of parents who both came from accomplished Jewish families in New York. Most of all, the book is a quest to understand the author's father, Lewis Weinberger, an architect and builder, who gave up his career in the 1960s, adopted a hippie life style, became heavily involved with drugs, and eventually committed suicide. In the course of this acclaimed book, the author explores issues about Jewish identity and the effects of the social upheavals of the sixties. A light lunch will be provided.

Men's Club, WEG, Young Couples Group: Hear a Famous Author

In connection with the Book Fair, three Arms of the Synagogue will present a well-known author, who will speak on **Wednesday, November 16 at 7:15 pm.**

Young Couples Group: First Annual Wine Tasting

Now that many kosher wines are on a par with premier non-kosher spirits, the Young Couples Group will host its First Annual Kosher Wine Tasting. Please join us as we explore some fabulous wines, which will be accompanied by an array of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. More importantly, look forward to enjoying the company of other young couples of our Synagogue. This occasion is graciously being hosted by Heidi and Rob Silverstone at their residence on **November 30 at 7:30 pm.** Please R.S.V.P. to Jan Gilman at your earliest convenience, preferably via email at *JansGilman@yahoo.com.* If you can't email, call (917) 945-0250.

Men's Club: The Spark Within Us - An Evening of Stimulating Discussion

On **Wednesday November 30 at 7:45 pm** in the Rothschild Library, the Men's Club will resume its series of intimate, free-flowing, and private discussions that were introduced and led this year by Dr. Zane Liff. The program, which began as "Hearing Men's Voices," will be open to men and women for this and several subsequent sessions by popular request. On November 30, in connection with the year-long theme of "The Spark Within Us," participants will discuss what impels or holds back their Jewishness, and may also explore how their Jewish spark ignites ethical and *halachic* action, how differing ideas of Jewishness are reconciled within families, or how Jewishness is passed from generation to generation. Please call Rabbi Stern's assistant, Naomi Lipnick, at (212) 369-2600 if you are interested in participating. ✡

Synagogue Family

November
B'nai Mitzvah

Daniel Wesalo Temel
November 5, 2005

Dan Temel was named at P.A.S. and has attended The Congregational School since the *Aleph* grade. Dan is in the eighth grade at Horace Mann School. He writes for the weekly school newspaper, and participates in Model United Nations. Dan loves sports, especially baseball, where he plays catcher, and football and golf.

Dan loves being with his family and is a great friend to all who know him. His friends particularly enjoy his ironic sense of humor. For the past five summers, Dan has gone to Camp Androscoggin in Wayne, Maine.

Dan thrives on experiencing new things while traveling with his family. Recently he traveled to the Grand Canyon and London.

Dan will be reading from *Parsha Noah*, which is doubly meaningful for his family because his father read the same one at his *Bar Mitzvah*. Dan thanks all those who helped him in his studies.

Stephanie Sarah Mazursky
November 12, 2005

Stephanie is currently an eighth grader at the New York City Lab School. She attended P.A.S.E.C.C., followed by P.S. 6. Stephanie has really appreciated staying close to her pre-school friends by attending The Congregational School at P.A.S. She enjoys reading, playing tennis and soccer. Stephanie played as a striker on the American Girls Soccer Team in the International Friendship Games in Holland this past summer. She enjoys her summers at Camp Che-Na-Wah in the Adirondacks. Stephanie recently ran a bake sale at school to raise money for breast cancer research. She thanks Rabbi Stern and Cantors Lefkowitz and Abramson for their support in preparation for her *Bat Mitzvah*.

Samuel Ascheim
November 19, 2005

Sam began his Jewish education at the P.A.S. Early Childhood Center at the prime age of two. In Kindergarten, he moved on to The Congregational School where he has studied for the past eight years.

Sam is a seventh grader at The St. Bernard's School. A sports enthusiast, Sam plays on the soccer, basketball and baseball teams. One of Sam's main interests is music: He has studied piano since he was five, and has recently shifted to jazz. Sam has also taught himself to play the guitar and spends much of his free time orchestrating his own original music. He also expresses his musical interest at school by singing in The St. Bernard's Special Singers and playing in The Recorder Club.

Thanks to all that Sam has learned from his P.A.S. teachers and clergy, Sam will read *Parsha Vayera* on November 19.

Joanna Brooke Roberts
November 26, 2005

Joanna attends The Congregational School at Park Avenue Synagogue and will continue on to Hebrew High School after her *Bat Mitzvah*. Joanna is so delighted to have such a great group of friends in her Congregational School class.

Joanna is in the seventh grade at the Trinity School where her favorite subjects include math and history. Outside of school, Joanna participates in tennis, golf and chess, and is currently a member of the Middle School tennis team.

During the summer, Joanna attends Camp Fernwood Cove where she enjoys horseback riding, rock-climbing, and water sports.

Joanna's *Bat Mitzvah Parsha* is *Chayei Sarah*, which discusses the Jewish covenant of improving the world from one generation to the next. We each have a responsibility to try to make the world a little better for future generations.

Joanna is very thankful to the rabbis, cantors and teachers who have helped her prepare for her *Bat Mitzvah*.

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Backer, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Breslin, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Davis, Mr. Glenn F. Edelson, Mr. & Mrs. M. Neville Epstein Mr. Robert Garber & Ms. Lauren Kwinter, Hon. & Mrs. Herbert Gelber, Mr. Steven H. Hirth, Mr. Frank R. Lederman, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Lewis, Ms. Susan D. Orenbuch, Ms. Jacklynn N. Price, Dr. & Mrs. Edwin Schottenstein, Mr. Richard Shalowitz & Dr. Fredi Schwebel, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Shaw, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Weingarten.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

- Robin Berenstein, on the passing of her husband, Dr. Frederick Berenstein.
- The family of Daniel Greene.
- Dr. Irwin Kantor, on the passing of his wife, Ruth B. Kantor.
- The family of Norman F. Levy.
- Rachel O. Lustbader, on the passing of her mother, Miriam Furst Ostow.
- Henry Vogelstein, on the passing of his brother, Charles Vogelstein. ✡

Jewish Life and Learning

Adult Study & Learning

All adult education courses cost $25/ members; $40/ non-members *per semester,* unless otherwise noted. *Sign up now.* Call Sarah Gribetz, (212) 369-2600, ext. 142 or email *sgribetz@pasyn.org.*

Learn Hebrew on Mondays

November 7, 14, 21, 28;
December 5, 12, 19; January 23, 30;
February 6, 13, 27; March 6, 20, 27

• ***Prayer Book Hebrew for Beginners***
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm;
Sarah Gribetz, instructor

• ***Conversational Hebrew for Advanced Beginners***
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm;
Andi Meiseles, instructor

• ***Intermediate Modern Hebrew***
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm;
Varda Hubara, instructor

The Spark Within Us

Nights of Expressions: The Spark Within You

• **The Jewish Lens: Text and Image**
Four Thursdays, November 1, 8, 15, & 29, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Zion Ozeri, instructor
Students will explore Jewish values and community by looking at and taking photographs, learning to critique each other's work and learning how to curate an exhibition of their work to be displayed at P.A.S.—all under the guidance of renowned Jewish photographer Zion Ozeri.

• ***From Generation to Generation: Create a Family History***
Four Thursdays, November 1, 8, 15, & 29, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Sarah Gribetz, Instructor.
Learn how to conduct a life history interview with family members, collect photographs and artifacts and create a book to pass on to future generations.

The Spark Within Us: An Interview With a P.A.S. Congregant

"For me, 'The Spark Within Us' is a very optimistic message that affirms that we all possess an instinct pushing us to lead a good life and make our society better. Our problem is to identify and then achieve that goal. For that, the study of Jewish ethics is an invaluable guide." —*Renee Waldinger*

Study *Talmud* & *Torah* on Tuesdays

• ***Talmud Study with Rabbi Lincoln***
Ongoing Tuesday mornings, 8:00 am
NO CHARGE

• ***Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Stern***
Ongoing Tuesday mornings, 11:00 am
NO CHARGE

• ***Joseph: Scion of Patriarchs with Rabbi Joseph Brodie***
Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Explore the story of this great Biblical interpreter of dreams, the first Jew to play a pivotal role on the world scene.

Study Judaism on Wednesdays

• ***Everything You Wanted To Know About Judaism, but Were Afraid To Ask***
Ongoing Wednesdays, through May 24, 10:30 am - 11:45 am (*except* on 12/21, 12/28, 2/22, 4/12, 4/19)
Sarah Gribetz, instructor

• ***Women on the Verge...***
Ongoing Wednesdays, through May 24, 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm (*except* on 12/21, 12/28, 2/22, 4/12, 4/19)

Study & Discuss on Thursdays

• ***Lunch 'n' Learn***
Ongoing Thursdays, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
NO CHARGE
Members of the Clergy and Education Department, instructors
Share a learning experience with fellow congregants and the Synagogue's professional leadership. Topics are varied. Bring a kosher dairy lunch; coffee will be served.

Family Education/*Kehillah*

Tot *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Join Jody Prusan and members of the clergy on **Friday, November 11, 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm** for a special service for toddlers and pre-school aged children, parents, grandparents and friends.

Tot *Shabbat*

P.A.S. offers toddlers and preschoolers the wonderful opportunity to celebrate together with their parents, grandparents and friends on *Shabbat* morning, **Saturday, November 19, 11:15 am – 12:00 pm.**

Edmond de Rothschild Library

by Rabbi Dawn Rose

The Perpetual Jewish Film Festival

Our Jewish Film Festival will premiere on **Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 pm** with the highly acclaimed Israeli movie *Circus Palestina.* Winner of five Israeli Film Academy Awards, *Circus Palestina* is a satirical comedy about a small Eastern European circus troop that looses its lion while touring the West Bank. At once funny and heart-wrenching, this movie may be more truly about the Jewish spirit, or perhaps the global human condition. It's not to be missed. ✡

News From Our Schools

Congregational School

by Ron Koas, Education Director

Leadership. Pedagogy. Judaism.

These are the three archways through which 40 congregational school principals (I am one of them) from New York, Long Island, Westchester, Rockland, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Philadelphia entered this past July as part of a professional development initiative that fosters collegiality, leadership development, and Jewish learning. Backed by a $1.8 million grant from UJA-Federation of New York, the Conservative Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) and the Reform Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) have partnered for the first time to create an historic institute. It marks the first time many of the leaders of Reform, Reconstructionist, and Conservative schools have worked together.

Each Leadership Institute participant will work closely with a mentor, who will guide and coach him or her on this journey and assist in tailoring the learning covered in the program to the individual principal's school and community. This relationship culminates in the design of a School Change Project in each principal's school. The 12 mentors were invited to participate by administrators of the Institute; the 40 participants were chosen from over 60 applicants.

The first summer seminar was held July 5 – 15 at HUC-JIR in Manhattan. The first week focused on vision and reflection and featured sessions led by Dr. Jonathan Woocher (JESNA), Dr. Steve Brown (JTS), Jo Kay (HUC-JIR), Dr. Jeff Kress (JTS), and Dr. Joseph McDonald (Steinhardt School of Education, NYU).

The second week turned toward school culture and school change, and featured Evie Rotstein (Leadership Institute), Dr. Lisa Grant (HUC-JIR), and Cyd Weissman (Re-Imagine Project).

Additional text study sessions were taught by Rabbi Robert Harris (JTS), Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman (HUC-JIR), and an orientation and text study for the Israel Seminar was led by Rabbi Ron Symons and Ofek Meir from the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa.

Over the next two years, principals will participate in another 10-day intensive summer seminar in July 2006, eight 1-2 day symposia, and a 6-day Israel seminar. Grants of up to $2,000 will be provided in order to implement School Change Projects. Small grants will also be available for participants to create an Individualized Education Plan with their mentors, which will help them define their goals for professional development and/or further Jewish learning. All seminars and symposia will take place on the campuses of JTS and HUC-JIR.

Rabbi Judah Nadich High School and Youth Programs

by Lisa Samick

Despite the fact that we are now two months into the school year, it seems as though our programs are dawning a new beginning. With the holidays behind us, we begin 5766 with a new mini-mester and a renewed excitement about all things Jewish.

Our department has undergone a makeover this year that has not only affected the look of our materials, but also the range of our programs. Our faculty has continued to provide our students with exciting and meaningful classes, which help to explore the "spark within each of us." Additionally, our Sunday programs have offered us the chance to do some amazing social action projects—so far this year we have worked with Dorot and the Edenwalde Residential Facility and later this month we will be helping dreams come true with the Children's Hope Foundation, as well as study together as an inter-grade learning community.

Last month, our High School families came together for our dinner in the *sukkah* as well as for the first installment of our Teen Film Festival. Despite the few days that we had together in school in October, these programs enriched our month of reflection and propelled us forward.

This month, we are eagerly preparing for our Food Pantry's Thanksgiving distribution as well as for our *Shabbat* dinner with Rabbi and Mrs. Lincoln. It is a very exciting time to be on the 4th floor. Come join us!! ✡

Contributions

Bible Fund

Ronnie & David Parker, in honor of David's birthday.

Bikur Cholim

Mrs. Benjamin Levitt, in loving memory of her beloved husband, Judge Benjamin Levitt.

High School Fund

Jim & Marilyn Simons, in honor of Audrey's graduation from Hebrew High School and her involvement with Project Ezra.

High School Food Pantry

Karen & Richard Bass & Family, in honor of Jake Rubin's engagement to Dana Kaplan.

Karen & Richard Bass & Family, in honor of the marriage of Julie Belikin & Mike Reed.

Karen & Richard Bass & Family, in honor of the marriage of Tara Mandy & Teddy Frischling.

Karen & Richard Bass & Family, in honor of the marriage of Pia Awal & Tim Dutta.

Karen & Richard Bass & Family, in loving memory of Edith Weinstein.

The Congregational School, in memory of Andrea Lustig's beloved mother, Barbara Baumann.

Mr. Leon Demb, in honor of Sylvia & Fred Hill.

Rachael & Mark First, in memory of Barbara Baumann.

Harold & Eleanore Geringer, in memory of Judy Robinson's beloved sister, Susan Brachman.

Mrs. Anita Gluck, in memory of her beloved father, Hyman Strum.

Anita & Stanley Gluck & Family, in memory of Adam Fraier.

Mrs. Martha Gold, in memory of her beloved sister, Lillian Klein.

Lois Perelson Gross, in honor of Sam Silverman's *Bar Mitzvah*.

Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz.

Dr. Jacob L. Oberman, in memory of his beloved mother, Dora Oberman.

Susan, Jeffrey, Sam, Adam & Jeremy Silverman, in memory of Adam Fraier.

Susan, Jeffrey, Sam, Adam & Jeremy Silverman, in honor of Marcia Eppler Colvin.

Dr. & Mrs. Louis Vogel, in honor of Alex Vogel's safe evacuation from the city of New Orleans.

Meryl E. Wiener & Barry A. Bryer, in memory of Adam Fraier, son of Mark & Sarita Fraier.

Library Fund

Mrs. Florence Solomon, in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. Nathan A. Solomon.

Liturgical Music Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Morton Davis, in honor of their anniversary.

Albert & Rachel Murad Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dr. Howard Murad, in memory of Alan Shapiro.

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Rise Norman & Ross Markman, in honor of the birth and homecoming of their twins Allison Hope & Jacob Scott.

Stuart & Judi Oltchick, in honor of Rabbi Stern's participation on the occasion of their first grandson's *briss* at Park Avenue Synagogue.

Prayer Book Fund

Tom & Julie Rogers, in memory of Barbara Otnow Baumann.

Tamara & Scott Spolan, in honor of Jane & David Revasch on their anniversary.

W.E.G., in memory of Adam Fraier.

Jacqueline & Bob Willens, in memory of Lilyan Madnick.

Putterman Music Fund

Mrs. Babette Hoexter Balis., in memory of her beloved mother, Julia Hoexter.

Elaine, Eric & Elliot Balis, in memory of our Nanny Julia.

Welfare Fund

Mrs. Patricia Fuchs, in memory of her beloved father, Jacob Prashker.

Mrs. Patricia Fuchs, in memory of her beloved brother, Leonard Prashker.

Sherrie & Arnold Lentnek, in honor of the birth of their grandson, Bryant Blaine Berney.

Mrs. Rochelle Saideman, in honor of the marriage of her daughter, Dr. Mara Saideman, to Mr. Michael Eisenberg.

Sondra & Samuel Schaeffler, in appreciation of Rabbi David Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth Stern.

Mrs. Florence Seligman, in recognition of Benjamin Seligman's 101st birthday.

Synagogue Offerings

Dr. Herbert Abrams, in memory of his beloved mother, Ruth Abrams.

Dr. Herbert Abrams, in honor of his birthday.

Mrs. Deanna Adler, in memory of her beloved mother, Pauline Zeitlin.

Mrs. Deanna Adler, in memory of her beloved father, Max Zeitlin.

Mr. Albert Appel, in memory of his beloved father, Morris "Dick" Appel.

Meg & Jay Axelrod, in honor of Esta & Wally Chavkin on the

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November Birthday Celebration

Bring *Shabbat* into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with November birthdays will be called up to the *bimah* and honored at our Birthday Celebration Service, **Friday evening, November 11** at **6:15 pm** Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

In Loving Memory of Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell

Do you know someone ill, elderly, or homebound who would benefit from compassionate personal attention?

The P.A.S. *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers who are committed to providing hands-on support and companionship to these valued members of our congregation. All interactions are confidential.

To arrange for this *mitzvah*, please call Rabbi Lincoln's office at (212) 369-2600, ext. 120.

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occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.
Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, in memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Rose Bachman.
Mr. Alexander Bassin.
Selima & Boris Bassin.
Mrs. Dale Berger, in memory of her beloved father, Alfred Koslow.
Mr. David Berman, in memory of his beloved mother and father, Ethel and Edward Berman.
Mrs. Sabine Berns, in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. Harry Berns.
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Blanksteen, in honor of their anniversary.
Esther & Michael Brenner, in memory of Adam Fraier.
Mr. Robert Ceisler, in memory of his beloved mother, Elizabeth Ceisler.
Mrs. Carol Cohen, in memory of her beloved mother, Evelyn Herman.
Lisa & Larry Cohen, in memory of Adam Fraier.
Mr. & Mrs. David Cook.
Mr. Bernard Feinberg, in memory of his beloved mother, Libby Feinberg.
Mrs. Barbara Freitag, in memory of her beloved mother, Audrey Heller.
Mr. Edgar Freitag, in memory of his beloved mother, Peggy Freitag.
Mrs. Maxine Gilbert, in memory of her beloved father, Abe Senter.
Mr. Ernest Gottschalk, in memory of his beloved mother and father, Ida & Emil Gottschalk.
Laurie & Maury Harris, in memory of Adam Fraier.
Mr. James Heller, in memory of his beloved wife, Audrey Heller.
Mr. Leon I. Heller, in memory of his beloved sister, Florence Rampil.
Mr. Fred H. Hill, in memory of his beloved daughter, Yvonne Hill.
Judge & Mrs. Louis Kaplan, in memory of Adam Fraier.
Dr. Neal Kaplan, in honor of his birthday.
Dr. Samuel Katz, in honor of his birthday.
Ms. Rosamond V.P. Kaufman, in memory of her beloved mother, Esther T. Van Poznak.
Mrs. Roma Korris, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Stanley Kreinik, in memory of his beloved mother, Helen Zinn Kreinik.
Leona & Alexander Leon, in loving memory of Gussie Benjamin and George Leon on their *Yahrzeits*.
Mrs. Linda Levine, in memory of her beloved father, Harry Rothman.
Ms. Marian Levitt, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Miriam London, in memory of her beloved husband, Burton L. London.
Mr. Joseph Lonner, in honor of his High Holy Days honor.
Mr. Martin Milston, in memory of his beloved mother, Ruth Milston.
Mrs. Mendelle Milston, in memory of her beloved mother and father, Boscea and Max Noble.
Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of her beloved father, Oscar Wald.
Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of Adam Fraier.
Mr. Stanley Nasberg, in memory of his beloved father, Abram David Nasberg.
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Neuwirth, in honor of their anniversary.
Mr. Morris Orden, in memory of his beloved grandfather, Morris King.
Mr. Julius Paige, in honor of his birthday.
Dr. Walter Peretz, in memory of his beloved father, Joseph Peretz.
Mr. Robert Price, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. Herman Rosen, in memory of his beloved father, Isidore Rosen.
Stella Rozon & Betty Markowitz, in memory of Juliet Wolf, mother of Linda Grad.
Mrs. Laura Rubin, in memory of her beloved mother, Rose Hoffberg.
Sylvan & Joan Schefler, in memory of Adam Fraier.
Ms. Susan Schwartz, in honor of her birthday.
Dr. Gloria Shafer, in memory of her beloved father, Charles Siegel.
Mrs. Esther Silver, in honor of her birthday.
Eileen, Jay, David & Mitchell Silverman, in memory of Adam Fraier, beloved son and brother.
Doris & Sheldon Siskin, in memory of Adam Fraier.
Ms. Irene Sommerfeld, in honor of her birthday.
Ms. Vera Wolff Sullivan, in honor of the memory of Susan Wasserman.
Mr. Michael Taubin, in memory of his beloved father, Skee Taubin.
Dr. Renee Waldinger, in honor of her birthday.
Dr. Janet Weisberg, in memory of her beloved father, Morris Weisberg.
Dr. Bernard Weiss, in memory of his beloved wife, Doris Weiss.
Mrs. Elaine Weitzman, in memory of her beloved mother, Anne Samet.
Ms. Irene Winkelman, in memory of her beloved sister, Ruth W. Wender.
Mrs. Joyce Wolitzer, in honor of her birthday.

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach Camp Scholarships

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Simons.

Men's Retiree Group
Every Tuesday, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for NOVEMBER 2005

All information is subject to change. Please confirm with the Synagogue office.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY **Schedule of Hours:** Mondays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Tuesdays 10:30 am to 6:30 pm Wednesdays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm Thursdays 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm		**1** 8:00 am *Talmud* Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 1:00 pm Yiddish Club 4:30 pm CS *Gan* & *MATAN rishon Lomdim B'yachad* Parents 6:30 pm The Jewish Lens Class 6:30 pm From Generation to Generation Class 8:00 pm Joseph Class	**2** (10:30 am Judaism Class 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class 5:00 pm CS *Bet Lomdim B'yachad* Parents 7:00 pm Men's Club New Members Reception 7:30 pm Moonbeams	**3** (11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 5:00 pm CS *Alef* & *MATAN sheni Lomdim B'yachad* Parents 7:00 pm *Parsha* Class 7:00 pm Writing an Ethical Will Workshp	**4** 9:00 am Writing an Ethical Will Workshop 4:31 pm Light Candles 6:15 pm *Rinah U'Tefilah* Friday Evening Service 7:00 pm Spark Within Us *Shabbat* Dinner*-Speaker Rabbi Elana Zaiman	**5** 7:30 am Hashkama Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service-Speaker Rabbi Elana Zaiman 9:30 am *Havurah* Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation 11:00 am *Nitzanim* Service 4:45 pm *Minha* 5:30 pm Pajama *Havdallah* Service *Parsha Noach*
6 9:45 am CS *Zayin* Service w/ Parents 10:00 am Writing an Ethical Will Workshop	**7** 9:00 am Writing an Ethical Will Workshop 6:30 pm Conversational Hebrew-Adv. Beg. 6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew-Beg. 7:00 pm WEG Seminary Trip 7:30 pm Modern Hebrew-Intermed.	**8** **No CS School; ECC Parent Conferences (except 2-Day Orange)** **Election Day** 8:00 am *Talmud* Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 6:30 pm The Jewish Lens Class 6:30 pm From Generation to Generation 6:30 pm Men's Club Board Meeting 7:30 pm Men's Club Real Estate Forecast 8:00 pm Joseph Class	**9** ***Kristallnacht* Remembrance** 10:30 am Judaism Class 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class	**10** 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 8:00 pm Before the Stork	**11** **Children's Birthday Service** **Veteran's Day** 4:24 pm Light Candles 5:15 pm Tot *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 7:00 pm HS *Shabbat* Dinner at Rabbi Lincoln's*	**12** 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation 11:00 am *Nitzanim* Service 4:30 pm *Minha* *Parsha Lech-Lecha*
13	**14** **ECC Parent Conferences (3-Day Orange & Purple)** 6:30 pm Conversational Hebrew-Adv. Beg. 6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew-Beg. **7:00 pm Book Fair Kickoff & New Members Reception** 7:30 pm Modern Hebrew-Intermed. 8:00 pm Evening Book Discussion Group	**15** 8:00 am *Talmud* Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln **10:30 am – 7:00 pm Book Fair** 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 1:00 pm Sisterhood Literary Speaker & Discussion 6:30 pm The Jewish Lens Class 6:30 pm From Generation to Generation 7:00 pm Book Fair Author Event 8:00 pm Book Discussion Group 8:00 pm Joseph Class	**16** **10:00 am – 7:00 pm Book Fair** 10:30 am Judaism Class 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class 7:15 pm WEG Board Meeting 7:15 pm Men's Club, WEG, YCG Author Event	**17** **10:00 am – 7:00 pm Book Fair** 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 7:00 pm *Parsha* Class	**18** 4:18 pm Light Candles 6:00 pm CS *Hay/Vav MATAN Shlishi* Dinner* 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service	**19** 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am *Shabbat* Morning Plus! Sanctuary Service-Seminary Student *Shabbat* 9:30 am *Havurah* Service 10:00 am Junior Congregation 11:00 am *Nitzanim* Service 11:15 am Tot *Shabbat* Service 4:30 pm *Minha* *Parsha Veyera*
20 ***Mitzvah* Day**	**21** 6:30 pm Conversational Hebrew-Adv. Beg. 6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew-Beg. 7:30 pm Modern Hebrew-Intermed.	**22** 8:00 am *Talmud* Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern	**23** **No CS or HS Classes** Food Pantry Thanksgiving Distribution	**24** **Thanksgiving** **Synagogue Offices Closed** 9:00 am Service	**25** **Synagogue Offices Closed** 9:00 am Service 4:13 pm Light Candles 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service	**26** **No CS Classes** 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service Welcoming College Students-Speaker Lord Michael Levy 4:30 pm *Minha* *Parsha Cheyei Sarah*
27	**28** 6:30 pm Conversational Hebrew-Adv. Beg. 6:30 pm Prayer Book Hebrew-Beg. 7:30 pm Modern Hebrew-Intermed.	**29** 8:00 am *Talmud* Study w/ Rabbi Lincoln 9:15 am ECCPA First Aid Class* 11:00 am Tuesday Topics w/ Rabbi Stern 6:30 pm The Jewish Lens Class 6:30 pm From Generation to Generation	**30** 10:30 am Judaism Class 12:30 pm Adult Women on the Verge... Class 7:30 pm Young Couples Group Kosher Wine Tasting 7:45 pm Men's Club Discussion	**REMEMBER THE DAILY *MINYANIM*** Monday - Friday at 7:15 am Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 am *Minha* Sunday-Thursday, 5:45 pm Saturday, November 5 at 4:45 pm; November 12, 19, 26 at 4:30 pm	**ECC**=Early Childhood Center **ECCPA**=Early Childhood Center Parents Association **CS**=Congregational School **CSPA**=Congregational School Parents Association **HS**=Rabbi Judah Nadich High School	

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A Look Ahead

Sisterhood Daytime Book Discussion Group

Monday, December 12, 11:00 am
We will discuss *When Memory Comes* by Saul Friedlander.

Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday, December 12, 8:00 pm
Join in the discussion of *Natasha* by David Bezmozgis, led by Pat Davidson.

Sisterhood *Hanukkah* Celebration

Tuesday, December 20, 1:00 pm
All are invited for a *Hanukkah* celebration and a short film about the ancient synagogues of Israel.

WEG Evening at The Jewish Museum

Thursday December 22, 6:00 pm
All members of the Women's Evening Group are invited to The Jewish Museum for light dinner followed by a guided tour of the exhibit "Sarah Bernhardt: The Art of High Drama" at 6:45 pm.

Celebrating a *Simcha*?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, etc.? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning *Minyan* or a *Shabbat Kiddush*. Call Lynn Schneider at the Synagogue for more information, (212) 369-2600.

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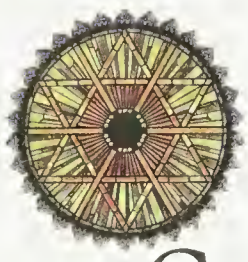

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